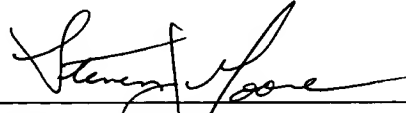


In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention the references cited on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form.

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